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A merry little Christmas...



The Thursday afternoon concert at Elk Point Elementary School wound up with a song by all the B classes and the Kindergarten students, left, while Friday featured both the traditional Christmas dinner for students, staff and guests at F. G. Miller High, above, and an old-fashioned community Christmas party at Ferguson Flats, below, where Santa made his annual visit.



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SANTA SURROUNDED! You're never too old to have your photo taken with Santa, and this group of F. G. Miller students were ready to pose for their annual pictures beside a very modern Christmas tree before heading home to enjoy the Christmas break which lasts until Jan. 7. Some of their Christmas vacation is likely to be spent studying up for the exams slated for mid January.

Santa mobbed by fans at F. G. Miller Christmas dinner



HO! HO! HUNGRY - Santa definitely needed a nutritious dinner before he faced the crowd of admirers at F. G. Miller High's Christmas dinner.



FGM'S CLASS OF 2019, some of them shown here, prepared a great pre-Christmas meal of roast beef and all the trimmings, with the help of school staff, and served it up to the entire student body, staff and guests, with a huge dessert buffet to finish off the feast.

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Protesters rally in support of oil and gas

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

About a dozen people made it to the UFA parking lot in St. Paul for a rally in support of the oil and gas industries the morning of Dec. 22. A much larger group started in Elk Point and journeyed north to Bonnyville where the main rally for the Lakeland area was held that same day.

Paula Charbonneau was the main organizer in the St. Paul area. She spoke briefly to the crowd, gathered in a circle in front of an idling semi truck, in an attempt to shield themselves from the wind that made an already chilly morning feel like -25 C.

"I'm out here so people get educated about what's going on politically. I'm out here to support the community having such a hardship with the lack of jobs because of the oil patches almost non-existence. I want people to read the bills and go out and vote and talk to their MPs and just stand together. We are so divided and we have to take a stand together and say this is not working and it needs to be fixed," said Charbonneau.

She said she had never been involved in politics previously but decided it was time to start after seeing

the impact low oil prices were having on her community.

"This movement has just made me dive right in. I'm reading bills, I'm part of Facebook groups. I'm trying to get as much information as I can to make a proper decision when I go to vote," said Charbonneau.

She said she thought "certain political parties only got in because they were promising to legalize pot and great, it's done. But again, that system is not even working. We don't have the supply to take care of the demand. People don't understand that when you're voting for someone for one reason, there's about 15 (reasons) behind them that are going to hinder you and hurt you. So that's what I'm hoping for is that people do their research the next time they go out to vote," said Charbonneau.

Mitchell Fedechko is an oil patch worker who attended the rally.

"It's getting slow. It's getting hard to pay bills, to see friends and family lost their homes and vehicles over stuff that could have been avoided. I'm just sick of it," he said.

"I'm here because my husband has to work away to make ends meet in this community. My son's in the military. I see more division in this country than I've ever seen in my life and I don't think any of us agreed to any of the policies that are being thrown on us, and we have to do something and not nothing," said Lori

Drolet, another protester.

If the signs affixed to vehicles and carried by the group were any indication, it's fair to say they weren't feeling particularly friendly to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The kindest signs on display were critical of the federal bill C-69 and of the \$1.6 billion of investment in the oil and gas industries announced by the federal government on Dec. 18.

"\$1.6 billion? Where is this money coming from? Without Alberta jobs, Alberta oil, and Alberta natural gas, we can't afford this poor attempt to bail us out. \$1.6 billion will feed us for a day. How about Trudeau/Notley support Canadian oil and feed Canada, Alberta, and our families for a lifetime. How sad is that?" read one sign.

Other signs were more personally critical of the prime minister and the premier.

According to Charbonneau, between 25 and 30 semis and 10 to 15 personal vehicles left Elk Point in a convoy for the Bonnyville rally. Many of those gathered in St. Paul said they intended to go to Bonnyville next.

In Bonnyville, about two hundred trucks met at the Co-op Cardlock and drove through town to the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre, bringing traffic to a halt through the business district. Similar rallies were held in Medicine Hat, Lloydminster, Brooks, and Estevan, Saskatchewan that same day.

County utility rate increase in 2019

MEREDITH KERR
Review Contributor

Utility rates in the County of St. Paul will be increasing in 2019 as the municipality continues to work towards bringing rates in line with rates charged elsewhere in the province.

Water rates in Elk Point, where the lines are not pressurized, will rise by 11 cents to \$1.88 per cubic metre, while customers in the County of St. Paul located outside of the hamlet boundaries will see their rates rise by \$0.09 to \$2.33 per cubic metre.

Customers in Lottie Lake, Ashmont, and Mallaig will see their costs rise by \$0.09 to \$2.33 per cubic metre of water used. Sewer services will also increase by \$6, from \$19 a month to \$25 a month in both communities.

Heritage Homes in both Ashmont

and Mallaig will also see their sewer rates go up. Previously, Heritage Homes in Ashmont paid a flat rate of \$50 for their sewer services and Heritage Homes in Mallaig paid \$92. Both will now pay \$100 a month for sewer services.

"I had (a staff member) pull the water usage from the Heritage House in Ashmont and in Mallaig, they actually use very similar amounts of water," said Sheila Kitz, chief administrative officer for the county.

Asked if there was a way to determine the sewer usage, Kitz said in most municipalities the sewer cost is based on the water consumption.

"We haven't gone to full cost accounting on waste water, so we're probably subsidizing a fair amount," said Kitz.

Also seeing a big change to its

bill is Ashmont School.

"And then the issue on the school side of things is that the Mallaig School has been paying \$284 (for sewer) for forever, and the Ashmont School has been paying \$200. Now there is a whole lot more students at the school in Ashmont than there is in Mallaig, and when I look at the water consumption it is two to three times more in Ashmont than it is in Mallaig. What we did find out when they were demolishing the old Ashmont School is that there was water that was unmetred going to the old school to the elementary side," explained Kitz.

Council discussed the flat sewer rates for both schools at length. Coun. Laurent Amyotte asked Kitz why the sewer rates in Mallaig were so much higher than in Ashmont.

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RCMP Major Crimes Unit North charge male with second-degree murder

ELK POINT RCMP

On Dec. 22, 2018 at approximately 9:00 p.m., Elk Point RCMP responded to a call of a disturbance at a residence in Frog Lake.

Once on scene, police located an unresponsive male inside the residence who was later declared deceased by EMS.

The RCMP Major Crimes Unit attended and took carriage of the investigation with assistance from the Elk Point, Bonnyville RCMP Detachments and St. Paul Forensic Identification Services.

RCMP have charged a 25-year-old Frog Lake man with second degree murder of Joey Benjamin (28). The man was remanded into custody and will be appearing in St. Paul Provincial Court on Jan. 3, 2018.

An autopsy is scheduled today at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Edmonton. RCMP are not seeking any additional suspects in relation to this investigation.

As this matter is now before the courts no further information will be released.

Elk Point RCMP investigate theft of copper wire

Elk Point RCMP are investigating after 440-volt copper wire was stolen from a crushing site approximately 1.5 kilometres west of Elk Point on Highway 646. The theft is believed to have occurred between December 12 and December 27, 2018.

The investigation is ongoing and police are asking if you have information about this incident to please call the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or call your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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Governor General of Canada's New Year's message

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The holiday season is a time to reconnect with others, to rejoice, to take a break. But it is also a season to reflect on the months that have passed and to look forward to the New Year. And, since this is Canada and it is winter, why not get out there and enjoy the season!

In the past year, I have had the privilege of travelling to many places, and meeting extraordinary, talented people from all walks of life.

From a Canadian submarine off Esquimalt, British Columbia, to Baffin Bay near Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut, to Signal Hill overlooking the mighty Atlantic in St. John's, Newfoundland - I have travelled from coast to coast to coast.

Throughout the year we have honoured excellence. We walked communities. We've been part of heartfelt conversations at Rideau Hall, at the Citadelle; from far and wide I listened and learned, and I was inspired by what Canadians accomplish for our country and the world, day in and day out.

Let me take the opportunity to salute everyone in uniform who served Canada at home and abroad. Internationally, I visited troops in Ukraine and Latvia, cheered on our athletes at the Pyeong Chang Winter Olympics, travelled to the United States, to West Africa, and to Belgium where we marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War - the war that was supposed to end all wars. Conflict is what happens when we collectively fail - when we fail to work together.

On the International Space Station, people of different nationalities and backgrounds work and live together in harmony. It is perhaps what we should replicate here on Earth more often. As the African proverb goes: if we choose to go alone, we might go faster, but when we go together, we go further.

Just a few weeks ago I was in Kazakhstan where I saw Canadian astronaut David Saint-Jacques launch into space. It was incredible. David is making us so proud and he is no doubt marking New Year's Eve with his fellow astronauts in orbit -- but with a wink to us earthlings.

Canadians are doing remarkable work everywhere. As Governor General it has been an honour to show my support, to forge new relationships, to foster collaboration, and to encourage exploration and new ideas. We should never be afraid of the undiscovered or the uncharted, because curiosity fuels discovery and pushes the frontier of knowledge.

Truly, 2018 has been an unforgettable year. We live in a complex, ever-changing world. We share a magnificent planet: our common spaceship, Planet Earth. We are privileged to live in this vast, beautiful country, Canada. So let us celebrate our good fortune and remember our shared values of openness and tolerance.

In this season, let us reach out to those in need, care for those around us, and let's take time, always, to appreciate our loved ones and our communities, for they are most precious.

Happy New Year, Canada.
Julie Payette

This year, I resolve to avoid pointless online arguments.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Bucks, bright lights, Healthcare Centre scare, Katja's Kritters

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1988

Elk Point's Christmas Extravaganza was a second annual success, with Josie Zarowny the big winner of \$500 in Elk Point Bucks and Gaylene Domstad, Elsie Oryschuk and Ken Pinder each winning \$100. Darlene and Orest Sereda's residential display, Bea and John Williams' residential lighting and Dave's Pizza's commercial decorations won the chamber of commerce lighting and decorating contest.

1993

Armand and Yvette Houle were the residential winners, Christine Bintz and Elmer McMillan the apartment winners and Heritage Lodge the institutional winners in the chamber's Christmas lighting and decorating contest. Four jolly snowmen were the focus of Miss Ockerman's ECS presentation at the first of two Elk Point Elementary School Christmas concerts, while a rig foreman told Santa that oil drilling was coming to the North Pole in Mr. Meger's 6A presentation, prompting a hasty move of the toy-making workshop to the South Pole in the second concert.

1998

Elk Point's second major scare in three years regarding the loss of health care facilities overshadowed the holidays, with two meetings in the week before Christmas, where local governments, health care agencies, businesses, industry and service clubs discussed strategies to keep the services intact. Santas Anonymous volunteers worked long into the night to fill boxes with gifts and groceries to make Christmas happier for 28 less fortunate families in the area.

2003

Len and Diane Cole's home, glowing in holiday splendor, placed first in residential category the

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

Christmas lighting and decorating contest, while Jack and Leona Bretzer had the best-dressed yard in the manufactured home category. Pastor Jim MacLellan's Christmas column was a week late being published, sidelined in the exciting announcement of the upcoming major expansion of the Elk Point Baptist Church.

2008

Students and staff of F. G. Miller High School honoured the memory of Grade 12 student Katja Brand and bus driver Barrie McFadyen at their Christmas brunch, with the stage heaped with 'Katja's Kritters,' stuffed animals collected after her death in a car crash to be donated to Victim Services, and the McFadyen family presenting the first Barrie Wayne McFadyen Memorial Scholarship to Erin Lindquist. David Buksa and Willie Lesyk and their families were declared a tie in the Christmas lighting and decorating contest.

2013

Elk Point town council met with a delegation of FCSS Board members at the final council meeting of the year, who brought a request that the positions of FCSS director and the director's administrative assistant to make one full-time position, feeling the combined position would give a qualified person enough to live on; council later passed a motion to approve the request to combine the two positions.



SANTA was a very popular guy at the 2013 F. G. Miller Christmas brunch.

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Looking back at a tremendous year - a time of triumphs and challenges on the sports scene



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Review Sports

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Good times, good sports in 2018

January

The Midget Avalanche tamed the Vermilion Tigers 7-4 in their own cage to start off the New Year, but the Bantam Avs bench was shrinking due to injuries, with only eight skaters and goalie 'Sexy Slader' Hardcastle on hand to win their first game of 2018.

There were back-to-back road games for the Micro Novice and Novice teams in Marwayne, taking off some of the pressure for parents with players on both squads, while here at home, 'Awesome Alex' Hunter led the scoring with four goals and an assist when the Midgets rallied from being down 5-3 to an 8-5 win over the Lac La Biche Clippers.

A major Zamboni malfunction that couldn't be cured by two days and numerous mechanics resulted in six minor hockey games either being postponed or relocated, with a rental Zamboni arriving from Edmonton just in time for the Elks game on Saturday night to go ahead, but the timing was still better than if the breakdown had occurred during March's Bantam Provincials.

Both Pee wee Avalanche teams were heading off to the second round of Provincials playoffs, with Pee wee 4 winning their first series over Bonnyville and heading to Wabasca and the Tier 1 team defeating St. Paul 9-7 in the third game to go to the next round against the winner of the Vermilion/Vegreville series.

February

The Atom Avalanche were the only game in town on the first weekend of February, while the other teams hit the road for everywhere from Mallaig to Meadow Lake, with the Novice Avs winning A side silver in the St. Paul tournament.

February was the craziest time of the year for minor hockey teams, with three of the four teams still in the running for Provincials, as well as league games still underway keeping the arena busy all week long.

A short week at school, due to teachers' convention and the Family Day weekend, left more time for hockey as the Pee wee I downed Vegreville in their provincial series to move on to round three against CNN (Crows Nest North) and the Midget Avalanche downing Smoky Lake with 6-1 and 10-1 victories to move on to play Marwayne.

The Midgets had their hands full in that series, losing the first game 5 to 4 but got the two extra goals they needed to win the two-game-total-point series that would take them to Provincials, while the Bantams won the Zone 2 banner over Redwater and the Micro Novice Avalanche finished the year with a win over Frog Lake T-Birds.

March

There's no question that Elk Point is truly a hockey town, when March started off with three zone championship banners, proudly displayed by the Midgets, who would head off to Rimbey and the Pee wee Bs, who would travel to La Crete, both on the weekend after the Bantams hosted the Bantam D Provincials

here at home.

Elk Point Oil Barons hosted a six team Pond Hockey Festival, while the Midgets were still competing in League playoffs, edging out Cold Lake to take on Vermilion Tigers in the final series and coming back from a 5-2 deficit to win the first game against the Tigers.



LET THE BIG SHOW BEGIN!

The Bantam D Provincials came down to a final that was literally a game and a half, with 17 minutes and 33 seconds of what turned out to be double overtime before Valleyview Ice Bears defeated Hanna Colts 3-2 for the banner, the Colts defeating the Avalanche, who had defeated both Bow Island Rebels and Airdrie Lightning, in the semifinals.

Hockey Month in Elk Point wound up with not only one, but three sets of provincial hockey medals, the first since some of our Elk Point boys won gold playing with a Dewberry team in the early 2000s that was coached by Murray Cochrane, also the coach and manager of this year's Senior AA silver winning Elks, no easy feat for a Senior A team, who defeated the AA Bonnyville team in the final. Pee wee Avalanche coach James Capjack now has his second silver provincial medal, the first coming from his own pee wee career in 1986. The Midget Avalanche silver medals were a great way to wind up their minor hockey careers for Spencer 'Fortress' Hardcastle, Chad 'Pickpocket' Poitras, 'Awesome Alex' Hunter, Brody 'The Big O' Odgaard, 'Warrior Warren' Ference, Kyle 'Grinder' Graus and Austin 'Astro' Axley.

April

The hockey season's Last Hurrah saw five teams compete in the three-day Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament honoring the memory of the hockey player, coach and tireless volunteer, the proceeds going to the A. G. Ross Arena and the Alberta Heart and Stroke

Foundation, with players suiting up for the first game as news of the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash hit AGR dressing rooms.

Elk Point was Hockey Strong for Humboldt at the 2018 Minor Hockey banquet, with teams and coaches signing posters and \$2100 collected for a GoFundMe page for the Broncos survivors. With two pee wee teams, there were two Alex Kurash Awards presented, going to Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron on the Pee wee B team and Brady 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk on the Tier 4 team.

A week earlier, no one would have considered an early start to the ball season, but a few days of good drying weather brought the headline, 'Let's play ball! Season starts the first week of May!'

May

The Elk Point based Lakeland Northstars Bantam AA Provincials team hosted a provincial round robin, winning over Devon and Lloydminster on Saturday and losing to the same Devon team and Barrhead on Sunday.

Colton 'Big Mac' McLean hammered one over the fence with the bases loaded in Bantam action in Marwayne, driving in four runs, his first ever grand slam homer in a week that saw the Mosquito boys house league team win 17-0, the Mosquito provincial team lost a close one, and the Squirt and Pee wee girls both have big wins.

June

'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa hit three home runs against the Bonnyville U10 Mites girls' team, giving the Mites Pumas a 20-15 win, while the Pee wee Sox boys defeated St. Lina 13-10 and the Lakeland Northstars won two out of three in Devon, in the weekend before re-tiering.

With a Midget girls game cancelled at the last minute, they took on the Bantam boys in a just-for-fun exhibition game and reportedly kicked butt, the boys having difficulty with catching the larger softball with their smaller gloves.... Or did the boys let the girls win? Meanwhile, the Squirt girls won two out of three games in a tournament in Vermilion, and the Pee wee Pumas shut down the Cold Lake offense 7-2 in a make-up game.

Pitching development was a priority with league finals coming up, and the Pee wee Sox were pitching very well, winning over both St. Paul No. 2 and St. Paul No. 1, while the Pee wee Pumas won bronze in a B level tournament in Bonnyville with Paige Skarsen pitching.

Despite a huge thunderstorm, rain delays and volunteer challenges, Elk Point teams had a terrific weekend, the Pee wee Sox winning the Tier One division over eight other teams, with 'Bazooka Joey' Cardinal the player of the final game, while the Bantams picked up silver medals, the Rookie boys won the C final and the Mite Pumas won two out of three in Pierceland.

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Christmas visitors at Heritage Lodge

On December 13, 2018 the Elk Point Jack and Jill Playschool students and parents shared the Christmas Spirit with the lodge residents with singing Christmas songs and handed out a Christmas craft that was given out to everyone that came to watch. The students went home with baked goodies and chocolates. Happy New Year to everyone and all the best in 2019!!

Photo submitted

Trip of the Month funds dinners

COMMUNITY LIONS OF ELK POINT
Review Contributor

Community Lions of Elk Point fund Santas Anonymous through generous donations from individuals, groups, and corporations, but their main source of funds is the Trip of the Month raffle. This year, nearly \$5,000 was transferred over to Santas, enough to cover the cost of Christmas dinners provided for the 48 food hampers that were prepared.

The rest of the income from the Trip raffle is available for children's organized sports, community recreation facilities, emergency services, and special events. Donation requests can be sent to Community Lions of Elk Point, Box 432, Elk Point, AB, T0A 1A0.

The December raffle draw featured a trip for two to Varadero, Cuba, which was won by Shirley Harms; and two prizes of \$100 each, won by Calvin Urlacher and Alison Ciupa.



ELK POINT HEALTHCARE CENTRE AUXILIARY members Millie Orr and Agnes Moroziuk, along with helpers Vanden and Halle Moroziuk delivered Christmas greetings to the residents of Parkview Extended Care on Dec. 19, bringing along stockings made by the Tuesday quilters from Elk Point Further Education and cards from the Further Ed group along with the Auxiliary's own special touches to brighten the darkest days of winter.



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Christmas at Ferguson Flats



It was just like old times at Ferguson Flats on Friday, Dec. 21, as the community gave winter a warm welcome with their annual Community Christmas Party, an evening when everyone enjoyed a huge potluck dinner before Santa handed out treats to everyone from one of its youngest residents, William Prymak, top left, to community club president Bruno Kummetz, left, and everyone sang along as Gabe Bayduza, above, played their favourite Christmas carols.

Midget Avs end 2018 with a 5-2 win



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 Review Sports

All of our minor hockey teams were shut down between Christmas and New Year's with the exception of the Midget Avalanche who played up in Bonnyville this past Saturday night, winning 5 to 2 over the Pontiacs.

Plenty of penalties in this one, two of my old friends, veteran referees Garth Campbell and Gary Goereniuk not letting anything get out of hand. Just another day at the office for them. As you know, the Midget aged boys like to feel their oats and butt heads from time to time. And a few grudges may have carried over from last week's game in Elk Point. Last week in Elk Point the Bonnyville boys racking up lots of penalty minutes, this week it was mostly our guys. Team captain Nick 'Sparky' Anderson showing why he has the C on his sweater leading the charge with a hat trick and two assists, Dustyn 'Dusty' Pankiw dusting off the cobwebs from Christmas and finding the mesh with two. The talented heads-up rookie, center man 'Lightning Liam' Ludlage with two assists, his brother the hard nosed veteran defenseman Hayden 'Hotwheels' Ludlage with a helper and six trips over to the sin bin. Obviously he never saw the note Santa left him to play nice! Goalie Colton 'Colt 45' Van Maarion between the pipes had a fairly busy night, facing 24 shots, our guys putting 33 shots on the Pontiac keeper.

That's it for this year. Hope Santa was good to you. Happy New Year, everyone. All the best in 2019 and I hope the Leafs can win the Stanley Cup!

And now for the K.A. Campbell of the week. "The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." - Melody Beattie

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"Mallaig's was higher because Mallaig got that lagoon and they had to do some sort of upgrade to the collection system in Mallaig at some point and that's why the rates are higher. And then we didn't adjust Ashmont rates when we finished the lagoon," said Kitz.

Monthly rates ranging from \$100 for Mallaig School and \$300 for Ashmont School to \$600 for Mallaig School and \$1,400 for Ashmont School were tossed around the table.

"It has to be at least double to be any kind of fair," said Coun. Darrell Younghans.

"That's a pretty big increase for the school board," acknowledged Kitz.

Council eventually settled on leaving the Mallaig School sewer fee at the current \$284 a month and raising the Ashmont School sewer fee to \$600 a month.

Bulk water sales from the truck fill stations in Ashmont and Mallaig will be equalized, with the cost of water at the Mallaig station rising by \$2 to match the Ashmont rate of \$6.50 per cubic metre.



'WHAT'S THIS?' You may ask! Stephanie Leaf's Grade 4B class (above) performs the song featured in the quirky 1993 movie, 'Nightmare Before Christmas.' Both of this year's Elk Point Elementary's concerts featured numbers from classic Christmas movies spanning more than six decades.



'HEAR OUR VOICES' was performed by Philip Ng's 6A students who accompanied their song from the 1994 movie, 'The Santa Clause' on ukuleles.



MEAN AND GREEN! Stephanie Lefebvre's 3B class sings, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch!" from the popular movie that's been around since the 1970s.



JINGLING ALL THE WAY - Lee Ann Wozniak's 1B class jingled their way through 'Sleigh Ride,' a song from the 1998 movie, 'Jack Frost.'



THE REAL FIRST NOWELL - Reanne Mudryk's 5A class played the traditional carol on recorders. Our apologies to Marianne Krauss and her 5B students, who were mistakenly identified as the 5As in last week's issue.

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